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1. [redacted] railroad coal stocks available as of 3 August 1953 included: 25X1

Ruhr coal:	1,000	tons
Other type hard coal:	76,000	"
Brown coal briquettes:	45,000	"
Coal to be used by loco-		
motives:	122,600	"
Shop coal (briquette units):	21,100	"

Total: 143,700 tons¹

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2. [redacted] the following daily coal consumption quotas were fixed on 1 August 1953:

Railroad District	Coal for Locomotives (in tons)	Shop Coal (in tons)
Berlin	2,510	120
Greifswald	920	20
Schwerin	1090	25
Magdeburg	2,200	75
Halle	3,650	225
Erfurt	3,060	110
Dresden	3,330	245
Cottbus	1,440	30

Total: 18,200² 850

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3. [redacted] the following number of locomotives were available as of 27 July 1953:

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Railroad District	Park of Operational Locomotives	Damaged Locomotives	Total
Berlin	707 512 *	98	1,112
Braunswald	225	147	400
Schwerin	296	66	362
Magdeburg	747	220	967
Halle	1,020	204	1,224
Hofort	713	241	972
Dresden	889	341	1,230
Cottbus	357 52 *	24	439
Total:	4,993 870 *	1,341	6,706 ³

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Note: * = denotes column locomotives which are carried separately.

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4. In late July, [] 3,200 boards to be used in boxcars running in grain shuttle trains were to be manufactured at the Witten-berge railroad repair shop at a total cost of 160,000 Eastmarks. About 1,600 such boards had been completed.⁴
5. In late July, materials needed by the East German Railroads for repair work on locomotives and rolling stock continued to be delivered by Western countries. Materials furnished in June included:

Sheet Steel:Steel Tubing:

Thin sheets:	204,800 kg	Seamless tubes:	724,874 kg
Medium sheets:	103,412 "	Welded tubes:	75,000 "
Boiler plates:	243,791 "	Gas pipes:	17,474 "
Coarse plates:	133,426 "		

Steel turns for locomotives and rolling stock:	1,092	units
Red steel:	7,200	kg
Copper welding rods:	12,668	"

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6. [] the following information on the meaning of the term "briquette unit": The utilization of various solid fuels requires the use of one basic reference. As brown coal briquettes are the fuel mostly used, a brown coal briquette was chosen as the basic fuel unit. The caloric value of the other fuels is therefore expressed in terms of brown coal briquettes. The following reference table has been set up:

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1 ton of Ruhr coal corresponds to 2 tons of briquette units;
 1 ton of other type hard coal corresponds to 1.5 tons of briquette units;
 1 ton of hard coal dust corresponds to 1.3 tons of briquette units;
 1 ton of brown coal dust corresponds to 1 ton of briquette units;
 1 ton of raw brown coal corresponds to 0.4 tons of briquette units;

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